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[Layton]

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FOR Farm Family of the Week

DATE Fri. Aug. 30, 1957

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TIME 12:25-1:00 p.m.

VIDEO

AUDIO

CAMERA ON LANGFITT

SLIDE FARM-1
HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-2
HOUSE

I WANT TO SAY IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO SIMPSON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT MILTON EDWARDS FOR HIS HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WHICH WE SALUTE TODAY AND ALSO I AM GREATFUL TO ASSOCIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, MRS. ANNIE S. KNIGHT AND ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT, WAYNE IVY, FOR THEIR VERY FINE HELP IN GOING WITH ME TO THE FARM OF THE FAMILY WHICH WE SALUTE TODAY, TO OBTAIN THE STORY WHICH I AM ABOUT TO TELL. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. ESTUS LAYTON AND THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS, REBECCA AND MARY BELLE, WHO LIVE IN THE MARTINVILLE COMMUNITY OF SIMPSON COUNTY. I SAY THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. LAYTON AND THEIR DAUGHTERS, BECAUSE THIS IS A FAMILY STORY ALL THE WAY. I BELIEVE THE WHOLE FAMILY SHARES IN EVERY PHASE OF THE FARM AND HOME PROGRAM AND CERTAINLY ALL SHOULD SHARE IN THE OCCASION OF THIS SALUTE. MR. AND MRS. ESTUS LAYTON GREW UP IN THE SAME COMMUNITY OF SIMPSON COUNTY. THEY WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER. IN FACT I GUESS YOU WOULD SAY THEY HAVE KNOW EACH OTHER ALL THEIR LIVES. BEFORE I LEAVE THIS PICTURE OF THEIR HOME I WANT YOU TO BE SURE TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT IT BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER IT WHEN I TELL

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YOU LATER OF THE HOME IN WHICH THEY STARTED
MARRIED LIFE AND LIVED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

MR. AND MRS. ESTUS LAYTON WERE MARRIED IN 1937.
AT THE TIME OF THEIR MARRIAGE ESTUS LAYTON WAS
DOING PUBLIC WORK ON THE ROADS OF SIMPSON COUNTY
SHORTLY AFTER THEY WERE MARRIED MR. AND MRS.
LAYTON MOVED TO LAUREL TO WORK IN THE MASONITE
PLANT BUT THEY COULDN'T GET STEADY WORK SO AFTER
SIX MONTHS THEY CAME BACK HOME TO SIMPSON COUNTY
TO FARM FOR A LIVING, AND THEY'VE BEEN AT IT
EVER SINCE. WHEN THEY CAME BACK THEY RENTED 16
ACRES OF THEIR PRESENT 105 ACRE FARM. THEY
FARMED THE LAND FOR ONE YEAR AND RAISED COTTON
AND CORN, BUT A YEAR LATER THEY HAD A CHANCE TO
BUY 30 ACRES ABOUT A MILE SOUTH SO THEY MOVED
THERE AND STAYED UNTIL THEY BOUGHT ALL THEIR
PRESENT FARM IN 1946. ONLY 30 ACRES OF THE
105 WAS OPEN LAND AND MOST OF THE REST WAS IN
BRIARS AND BRUSH. THEY HAD A BEEF COW AND A CAL
AND STARTED TO RAISE A BEEF HERD AND CONTINUE
TO RAISE COTTON AND CORN. AFTER TWO YEARS THEY
GAVE UP ON THE COTTON. IN 1947 ESTUS LAYTON WAS
ELECTED SUPERVISOR AND THAT HELPED GREATLY TO
SUPPLEMENT THE FARM INCOME DURING THE NEXT 4
YEARS. DURING THIS TIME THEIR BEEF HERD GREW TO

SLIDE FARM_3
DAIRY BARN

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SLIDE <u>FARM-4</u> COWS	<p>20 HEAD AND IN 1952 THEY SOLD THEM AND STARTED INTO THEIR PRESENT SUCCESSFUL DAIRY PROGRAM. ESTUS LAYTON SAYS HIS COUNTY AGENT TALKED HIM INTO TRYING DAIRYING AND HE'S BEEN THANKFUL HE TOOK HIS COUNTY AGENT'S ADVICE EVER SINCE. HE WAS IN A SITUATION THAT HE COULDN'T MAKE A LIVING AT WHAT HE WAS DOING ON SUCH SMALL ACREAGE AND HE EITHER HAD TO CHANGE OR GIVE UP FARMING AND GO BACK TO PUBLIC WORK. MR AND MRS. LAYTON LOVE THE FARM AND WANTED TO STAY SO THEY EMBARKE ON THEIR DAIRY PROGRAM. THEY WENT RIGHT TO WORK AND BUILT THEIR GRADE "A" DAIRY BARN AND STARTED RIGHT OUT PRODUCING GRADE "A" MILK. THEY TOOK THE MONEY FROM THEIR BEEF COWS AND BOUGHT 25 DAIRY COWS. ESTUS LAYTON SAYS HE HAD TO DO A LOT OF CULLING AS HE FOUND OUT HOW EACH COW WOULD PRODUCE. HE GOT RID OF THE POOR PRODUCERS IN A HURRY AND HAS BEEN CULLING CLOSE EVER SINCE. HE HAS ALWAYS SAVED HIS BEST HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT AND NOW HAS A HERD OF 35 MILK COWS, SIX HEIFERS WHICH WILL FRESHEN FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS FALL AND A NUMBER OF CALVES. ALL OF THE COWS ARE GRADE JERSEYS EXCEPT SIX HEAD WHICH BELONG TO 15 YEAR OLD MARY BELLE. THEY ARE THE RESULT OF HER 4-H CLUB DAIRY PROJECT AND ARE THE</p>
SLIDE <u>FARM - 5</u> COWS	
SLIDE <u>FARM-6</u> GIRL & COW	

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SLIDE FARM-7
COW

SLIDE FARM-8
BULL

SLIDE FARM-9
CALVES

SLIDE FARM-10
TWO MEN

BEGINNING OF HER COLLEGE EDUCATION. ESTUS LAYTON'S HERD AVERAGES ABOUT 8,000 POUNDS PER COW and a look at this cow will SHOW YOU ONE GOOD REASON WHY. ESTUS SAYS WHEN HE STARTED DAIRYING HIS HERD AVERAGE WAS ABOUT 5,000 POUNDS PER COW AND HE HAS BUILT IT TO 8,000 AND IS SHOOTING FOR EVEN HIGHER PRODUCTION IN HIS HERD. ESTUS LAYTON HAS ALWAYS USED REGISTERED JERSEY BULLS IN HIS BREEDING PROGRAM EVEN THOUGH HE HAS MOSTLY GRADE COWS. THE PAST TWO YEARS HE HAS USED SOME ARTIFICIAL BREEDING ON A FEW OF HIS BEST ANIMALS. THE LAYTON DAIRY HERD IS BANGS FREE AND HE DOESN'T BUY A SINGLE ANIMAL TO ADD TO THE HERD. HE DOESN'T WANT TO TAKE A CHANCE ON GETTING A REACTOR INTO THE HERD. HE CALFHOOD VACCINATES AND SAVES ALL HIS BEST HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT. HE HOPES TO EVENTUALLY BE MILKING 50 COWS, BUT DOESN'T PLAN TOO MUCH ADDITIONAL GROWTH IN HIS DAIRY PROGRAM UNTIL HE FURTHER IMPROVES HIS PASTURE PROGRAM. ESTUS LAYTON EXPLAINS TO WAYNE IVY, ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT, THAT HE WEIGHS ALL HIS MILK ONCE A MONTH AND KEEPS RECORDS ON EACH COW'S PRODUCTION. HE MIXES HOME GROWN FEED WITH THE NECESSARY CONCENTRATE TO MAKE A 16% DAIRY RATION

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SLIDE FARM-11
PASTURE

SLIDE FARM-24
MAN IN FIELD

SLIDE FARM-12
HAY BARN

HE RAISES AS MUCH GRAIN AS HE CAN BUT DUE TO A SCARCITY OF LAND HAS TO BUY QUITE A LOT OF HIS GRAIN. ALL CALVES ARE CREEP FED AND A MIXTURE OF SALT AND MEAL IF FED TO ALL DRY COWS IN ADDITION TO GRAZING. ESTUS LAYTON STARTED KEEPING PRODUCTION RECORDS THIS YEAR AS A PART OF HIS BALANCED FARM AND HOME PLAN...A PLAN BEING CARRIED OUT THROUGH HIS ENROLLMENT IN THE EXTENSION SERVICE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM. MANY OF THE REAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THEY ENROLLED ON THIS PROGRAM. ESTUS LAYTON HAS SOME GOOD PASTURE BUT HE IS ALWAYS WORKING TO IMPROVE BOTH PASTURE AND LIVESTOCK. PERMANENT GRAZING CONSISTS OF 65 ACRES IN BERMUDA DALLIS GRASS, BAHAI, WHITE DUTCH AND CRIMSON CLOVER AND LESPEDEZA. HE CLIPS HIS PASTURES REGULARLY FOR WEED CONTROL. TEMPORARY GRAZING CONSISTS OF 20 ACRES OF MILLET FOR SUMMER PASTURE WHICH IS GRAZED COMPLETELY DOWN. IN FALL ESTUS LAYTON CARRIED HIS CATTLE ON THIS MILLET FOR PARTS OF 60 DAYS. TEMPORARY WINTER GRAZING CONSISTS OF 40 ACRES OF OATS AND RYE GRASS. HE TAKES THE CATTLE OFF IN MARCH AND LATER BALES THE OATS FOR HAY. THIS YEAR HE BALED 900 BALES OF OAT HAY AND 300 BALES OF PASTURE GRASS HAY.

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SLIDE FARM-13
STOCK POND

SLIDE FARM-14
MACHINERY

ALL THE CATTLE ARE FED HAY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS OR WHEN GRAZING IS SHORT. HE BUILT THIS HAY BARN LAST FALL USING TIMBER CUT OFF HIS OWN LAND. ESTUS LAYTON PRACTICES CONTROLLED GRAZING AND ROTATES HIS GRAZING IN 6 FENCED PASTURES HE PLANS TO LIME HIS PASTURES THIS FALL FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT AND WILL BUILD A TRENCH SILO NEXT SPRING FOR ADDITIONAL DAIRY FEED. ESTUS LAYTON HAS THEY HAD THREE URGENT NEEDS WHEN THEY CAME TO THIS FARM....REBUILDING THEIR HOME... CLEARING LAND AND GETTING WATER IN THE PASTURES. HE HAS BUILT TWO STOCK PONDS AND NOW HAS AMPLE WATER AVAILABLE FOR HIS DAIRY HERD. TODAY ALL OF HIS 105 ACRES BUT FIVE HAS BEEN CLEARED AND IS IN PRODUCTION, AND OF COURSE YOU SAW THE RESULTS OF THEIR WORK ON THE HOUSE. ESTUS LAYTON IS A COMPLETELY MECHANIZED FARMER AND HE IS CONSTANTLY USING HIS MACHINERY TO FURTHER IMPROVE HIS FARM PROGRAM. AFTER HE ENROLLED IN THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM MR. LAYTON STARTED HAVING HIS SOIL TESTED AND HE USES THE RESULTS OF THOSE TESTS TO FURTHER IMPROVE HIS PASTURE AND CROP LAND THROUGH FERTILIZATION. I COULD GO ON AND ON TALKING ABOUT THIS FARM PROGRAM AND THE IMPROVEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN

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SLIDE FARM-15
GARDEN

SLIDE FARM-16
WOMAN AT FREEZER

SLIDE FARM-17
CANNED FOOD

SLIDE FARM-18
KITCHEN

MODE SINCE THEY ENROLLED IN THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TO TELL YOU OF THEIR HOMEMAKING PROGRAM AND IT TOO IS VITAL TO THE WHOLE FAMILY FARM PROGRAM. THEY HAVE ABOUT AN ACRE OF YEAR-ROUND GARDEN AND PRODUCE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING THE FAMILY NEEDS, EXCEPT THE STAPLES, OF COURSE. FROM THE GARDEN AND MEAT SUPPLY MRS LAYTON AND THE GIRLS FREEZE ABOUT 2,500 POUNDS OF FOOD A YEAR. THE FOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM IS A FAMILY PROJECT AND EVERY MEMBER SHARES IN IT. THIS IS STRICTLY A LIVE AT HOME FAMILY. IN ADDITION TO THE FOOD THEY FREEZE, MRS. LAYTON AND REBECCA AND MARY BELLE ALSO PUT UP ANOTHER 200 QUARTS OF FOOD IN JARS. THEIR FOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED SINCE ENROLLING IN THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM. EVERYTHING THIS FAMILY DOES IS A FAMILY AFFAIR. I WISH YOU COULD HAVE SEEN THEIR HOUSE BEFORE THEY STARTED REMODELING. WHEN THEY CAME HERE THIS HOUSE WAS BEING USED AS A HAY BARN. THE FRONT PORCH WAS PROPPED UP AND AN OLD CHIMNEY WHICH STOOD WHERE THE CARPORT IS NOW LOCATED. AT THAT TIME THEY JUST DID ENOUGH PATCHING TO MAKE IT LIVEABLE. IT HAS BEEN IN THE LAST YEAR OR SO THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETELY

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SLIDE FARM-19
THREE WOMEN

SLIDE FARM-20
COVERING CHAIR

SLIDE FARM-21
THREE GIRLS

RE-DONE THEIR HOME TO MAKE IT INTO THE BEAUTIFUL HOME IT IS TODAY. MR. AND MRS. LAYTON DID MOST OF THE PLASTER WORK AND HARDWOOD FLOORING. THEY DID ALL THE WORK IN THE KITCHEN EXCEPT THEIR CABINETS. THEY ADDED A HALLWAY AND BEDROOM, ENLARGED THE BATHROOM, BUILT CLOSETES, BACK PORCH AND CARPORT. MRS. LAYTON LOVES TO SEW AND HAS TAUGHT BOTH HER DAUGHTERS TO SEW AND THEY ARE VERY GOOD AT IT. REBECCA, ON THE LEFT, WAS HIGH SCORER IN MODELING AN EVENING DRESS SHE MADE, AT THIS YEAR'S DRESS REVUE IN CONNECTION WITH STATE 4-H CLUB CONGRESS AT STATE COLLEGE. IN HER HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB WORK MRS. LAYTON LEARNED HOW TO RE-COVER FURNITURE AND SHE HAS TAUGHT~~XX~~ HER DAUGHTERS HOW TO DO IT AND NOW, TOGETHER, THEY DO CONSIDERABLE FURNITURE RE-COVERING. MRS. KNIGHT, ASSOCIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, SECOND FROM THE RIGHT, HAS HELPED MRS. LAYTON AND HER DAUGHTERS WITH MANY PHASES OF THEIR HOMEMAKING PROGRAM. ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE SIMPSON COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE WHO HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO THE LAYTON FAMILY IS MISS SARA KATE GRAVES, ASSISTANT HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT IN CHARGE OF GIRLS 4-H CLUB WORK IN THE COUNTY. HERE WE SEE MISS GRAVES, IN THE CENTER,

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SLIDE FARM-22
THREE WOMEN

WITH MARY BELLE AND REBECCA, ADMIRING SOME OF THE TROPHIES WON IN 4-H CLUB WORK AND TALKING OVER PLANS FOR THE COMING 4-H CLUB YEAR. SHE TELLS ME THAT REBECCA AND MARY BELLE HAVE WON JUST ABOUT EVERY AWARD THERE IS FOR A 4-H CLUB GIRL TO WIN IN SIMPSON COUNTY. THE LAYTON FAMILY DEPENDS VERY HEAVILY ON THEIR COUNTY EXTENSION WORKERS. ASSOCIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, MRS. ANNIE KNIGHT, WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH THEM AND THEY SPEND MANY HOURS AROUND THE KITCHEN TABLE PLANNING FOR NEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FAMILY HOMEMAKING PROGRAM. YOU WILL NOTE THAT MARY BELLE IS ABSENT FROM THIS PICTURE. THERE IS A REASON. REBECCA PREFERS HOMEMAKING SO SHE IS IN ON ALL THE HOMEMAKING PLANS, MARY BELLE PREFERS THE OUTDOOR WORK SO YOU WILL SEE HER IN A MINUTE HELPING WORK OUT THE FARM PLANNING. MRS. LAYTON AND MRS KNIGHT AND REBECCA ARE PLANNING THIS FALL'S LANDSCAPING WHICH IS A PART OF THEIR BALANCED FARM AND HOME PLAN. LATER, AT THE SAME TABLE WE FIND MR. ESTUS LAYTON, MARY BELLE AND ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT WAYNE IVY MAKING PLANS FOR THE ADDITION OF 500 LAYING HENS THIS FALL. MR. LAYTON WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND HIS DAIRY PROGRAM, BUT LACKING THE NECESSARY LAND,

SLIDE FARM-23
TWOMEN & GIRL

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CAMERA ON FAMILY

AND SINCE HE NEEDS ANOTHER SOURCE OF CASH INCOME THE FAMILY HAS DECIDED TO START A LAYING FLOCK. A PART OF THEIR LONG RANGE PLANS UNDER THE BALANCE FARM AND HOME PROGRAM IS ALSO CONTINUED PASTURE AND LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT. I COULD GO ON AND ON TELLING OF PLANS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS PROGRESSIVE FARM FAMILY BUT TIME WILL NOT PERMIT. THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE GOOD HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THEY ARE FARM BUREAU MEMBERS, MRS. LAYTON IS REPORTER AND SAFETY CHAIRMAN OF THE HICKS HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB, REBECCA IS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MR. ESTUS LAYTON IS PRESIDENT OF THE MARTINVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLUB IN WHICH THE FAMILY IS VERY ACTIVE . HE IS A DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHEAST MISSISSIPPI LIVESTOCK SHOWING FORES, AN A.S.C. COMMUNITY COMMITTEEMAN AND MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI MILK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION. NOW IN THE TIME THAT REMAINS I WANT YOU TO MEET THIS WONDERFUL FARM FAMILY FROM SIMPSON COUNTY.